Leticia,
   Thanks for such diligence in making sure we're doing the very best practices in our fieldwork with rodents. Agreed we want to make sure we release animals as soon as possible but also of course in the manner to best ensure survival. Our discussion on surveillance call was to confirm that sometimes this means we delay release until the earliest possible evening time for some nocturnal animals. This is all in compliance with our ACU protocol. If best practices are agreed upon on surveillance call, this becomes the recommendation and is widely shared as such. If practices divert substantially from our SoP's then capacity team would want to determine if revising our protocol is warranted as we want teams to use the SoPs for training and establishing best practices. That said we want SoP's to be guidelines for the expert audience and thus to be open to interpretation to some extent by our teams with direct expertise in the species and the situations they face in the field.
If you have new insight that would warrant revisiting this together, we should do this on surveillance call (as we want to all be like minded in our interpretation of what constitutes best practices). If so, let us know and we can put this on the agenda for the call 2 weeks from now.
We also always appreciate clarification of surveillance call notes too.
Thank you,
/ckj

From: Leticia Gutiérrez Jiménez
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 12:15 PM
To: ████████████
Cc: Melinda Rostal , Jon Epstein , Christine Kreuder Johnson
Subject: Re: [predict-surveillance] 10.12.2017 surveillance call notes

Hi ████████

Thanks for partially correcting and addressing my concerns of the 10.12.2017 surveillance notes.
However, as I mentioned in my email from October 20th, the answers given by the surveillance team were merely their description of what each country does in the field, and those were not a recommendation.

Further, I utterly disagree with the statement "Practices recommended by surveillance team ". This statement should have not been included in the surveillance call notes. It is misleading and actually contradicts the master IACUC, which states twice in page 14 "Animals will be released as soon as possible after recovery to ensure social acceptance, uninterrupted mother offspring bond, etc.", then in page 15 notes "All animals sampled as part of this study are intended for immediate
release to their wild or captive respective environments following sampling."

I suggest revising the aforementioned misleading recommendation and make sure our teams are compliant with this IACUC requirement.
Further, the American Association of Mammalogist (pertinent recognized taxon-specific reference) endorses immediate release of rodents following sampling.

Best,

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 6:17 PM, ████████████████████████ wrote:
Dear PREDICT Country Coordinators,

Please find attached notes from our surveillance team call on Oct 12th, 2017. All notes are also archived on our team Basecamp site ████████████████████████████████.

As a reminder, because these notes contain unofficial information, please be sure not to share beyond our project. If you have any questions about the updates or information shared in the notes, please check in with your regional or global leads*

Kind regards,
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